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Applicant: Mauldin, Sidney Wayne

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For: Minimal Resistance Scallop for a Well Perforating Device

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

SIR:

The following comments are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 6, 2005. A petition for a one month extension of time was filed.

35 USC § 102

The Final Office Action indicates that Walker anticipates claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 of the present invention as Walker teaches that the thickness of the hole penetration area near the center of

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date April 6, 2006, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", mailing Label Number ER 539844678 US, addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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